

PTA Summer Fete

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fete **tomorrow**. As you know the children have had two non-uniform days and brought in donations. The PTA has done another brilliant job at organising everything. There will be a wide range of activities including donkey rides, a bouncy castle, sumo suits, go carts and many more.

Remember to bring in your competition entries ready for display and judging!



Mayor – Climbing frame

After an initial mix up with dates, the Mayor – Tina McKenzie-Boyle came last week and officially opened the new climbing frame. All the children came outside and she officially cut the ribbon with Jacob Bulloch who raised over £1000 last summer by riding 100 miles across the South Downs. She thanked them all for their hard work (including parents and the PTA!) over the last 18 months and was amazed with the range of activities everyone did to raise the money. Every year the Mayor heads a charity and this year she will be fundraising for the Fire Fighters Charity. I know she is looking for volunteers to do a Skydive next year, if anyone is interested! Please follow the link below to find some more information.

<https://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/>

Sports Day

Many thanks to everyone who came to watch Sports Day yesterday. While the weather has been typically unpredictable, the rain did hold off and the children had a great time. Well done to everyone involved.

Kwik Cricket

We have entered two Year 6 teams into the Bracknell Forest Kwik Cricket Festival. Congratulations to Year 6 Boys A team and Girls A team who participated on Wednesday. The children had a great day; the boys got to the quarter finals and the girls got to the final and came second to Whitegrove. This means that the girls will be representing Bracknell at the Berkshire Kwik Cricket Festival in July. Next week the Year 6B team and Year 5 team will play their match.

Year 6 Athletics

12 children from Year 6 participated in the Bracknell Forest Athletics Tournament at the Leisure Centre. The children were brilliant and we entered all track and field events—with the relay team qualifying and Joshua Njampa and Erica Opoku qualifying for the 80m sprint final! Everyone had a great time and congratulations to them all for their hard work. They finished a very respectable 12th out of 27 schools.

Year 2 Trip to Milestones

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to a living museum called Milestones which is found in Basingstoke. The children were excited to ride on the coach and then to step back in time to when Queen Victoria was queen. The children were able to walk on cobblestone streets and visit shops as they would have been in Victorian England. Some of the highlights were seeing the inside of an old-fashioned cottage, going on a tram, an eye spy activity to find many things that we had learned about in class and of course lunch! (Everybody gets excited about lunch on a school trip!) The children were beautifully behaved and represented our school with pride.

Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo

On Wednesday of last week Year 1 went on their first ever school trip to Marwell zoo. The children had the opportunity to take part in a group workshop where they were able to touch and observe some unusual animals. Around the zoo we were lucky enough to spot giraffes, rhinos, penguins and many other species. Despite the hot weather we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Even the sleepy tigers made an appearance!



Transition and Meet the Teacher – 17th July

Teachers have started transition with the children ready for next year. There will also be two sessions with their new teachers on Wednesday 5th (PM) and Thursday 6th July (AM). There will also be an informal drop-in session on Monday 17th July to have a look at your child's work and meet your child's new teachers between 3:30-5:00pm. Unfortunately not all new teachers will be available for these sessions. Miss O'Shea and Mr Wreakes will not be available on Wednesday 5th July. They will both be at school from the 10th –21st July. Mrs Churchill will not be available on Monday 17th July.

Year 6 Production

Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their End of Year Production – '**Paws & Claws**' and you are invited to see their performance on either 12th or 13th July. As the girls Kwik Cricket team have reached the county finals, the **afternoon performance** is now on Wednesday 12th instead of Thursday 13th. Details to follow regarding ticket sales and times.

Year 6 Disco and Leaver's Assembly for parents

Please remember that the Year 6 Leavers' Disco will be on Wednesday 19th July at **6.30pm** and their Leavers' Assembly is on Friday 21st July at **2:00pm**. Letters regarding tickets for both events will be sent home soon.

Coffee Morning

We held a coffee morning today for Year 6 Parents of those children who are moving to Easthampstead Park School.

Local Community

We have received information from Bracknell and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group regarding piloting a number of initiatives to educate local patients on how to choose the right service. This will involve working with Ringmead Medical Practice. Once we have more information we will let you know.

PSCO – monthly meeting

We recently met with our local PSCO – Mary Parker. She is very keen to get involved in school life and happy to help in any way. Over the next year we will ask her to meet the children, have lunch and come in for assemblies. She has also said she is happy to be onsite to meet any parents that might need some help or advice. She will be at the Summer Fete and we will let you know when she is onsite again.

Local Parking Enforcement Officers.

Following a complaint about parking by a member of the public, you will have noticed that we have had a number of parking officers in the car park this week. Can I please remind parents that the car park is a public car park and you must follow the parking restrictions. Parents must park in the parking bays and follow the speed limits. Please do not double park your vehicles and leave them unattended. I know there has been at least one parking fine issued this week.

We will contact the local authority and ask for the bays to be re-painted and for signs to be erected.

Safeguarding Concerns

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board have asked local schools to send out the following information to parents/carers regarding an increase in head injuries in the neighbouring areas.

Around 10 children die as a result of falls each year - some from windows and balconies and the remainder mostly from stairs. Falls are by far the most common causes of accidents in the home; they account for 44 per cent of all children's accidents. Most falls involve tripping over on the same level. However, the most serious consequences result from falls between two levels, such as falling out of a pram or highchair or falling from a bed. The worst injuries are sustained when a child falls from a great height or lands on something hard, sharp or hot.

Many accidents are caused by horseplay involving pushing, shoving and wrestling. Children have also died or have been seriously injured by heavy objects such as furniture and televisions being pushed or pulled over them. Sets of drawers, in a child's eyes, make ideal climbing frames but, if unsecured, they pull over easily.

Prevention

- Fit a safety gate BS EN 1930: 2011 at the top and bottom of stairs
- Never leave tripping hazards on the stairs
- Stairs should be carefully maintained - damaged or worn carpet should be repaired or removed
- Make sure balustrades are strong and do not have any footholds for climbing
- Stairs should always be well lit
- Fit child resistant window restrictors but make sure you can get out easily in an emergency
- Do not put anything under the window that can be climbed on
- Furniture and tall kitchen appliance, at risk from being pulled over, should be secured to the wall.

Internet Safety

This week we have been talking about internet safety in school and discussed the SMART approach

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Gooseberry Planet – Alerts

Gooseberry Parent ‘Tips’ of the Week:

Help protect your child from Online Grooming by following some simple steps. **Approve and monitor every App on your child’s devices. Trial the chatroom, App and website for yourself. Read reviews to see what other people say about it. Discuss what your child is doing online with them. Ensure they know what to do and who to speak to if they are contacted by people online.** Please share with Parents.

Alert of the week – Random Chat Rooms, Apps and Websites

We have been contacted this week by several schools raising awareness and sharing their current concerns regarding **Online Grooming and inappropriate contact online**. Children are unknowingly putting themselves at risk by downloading and accessing **free chat rooms, Apps and websites** that support **random messaging, voice and video chat**. This type of Social Networking promotes random and often sexualised contact with people online. Other risks also include signing up and sharing personal details. Children are encountering random people, some of whom are within 5 miles of them. Random chat Apps and websites use webcams which allow the chat to be recorded, shared and saved. Popular random chat Apps to be aware of are TinyChat, Omegle, Chatroulette, Anybodyoutthere and YikYak but there are many more.

It is important that we educate ourselves and our children to make responsible and safer decisions online, recognise the signs of Online Grooming and know who to go to for help.

Lunchtime Rotas

3 rd July	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd
10 th July	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st
17 th July	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

3 rd July	Colouring in	Loom Bands	Cricket	Skipping
10 th July	Paper Aero-planes/ Origami	Barbie Dolls & Action Figures	Catching & Throwing balls	Balls
17 th July	Lego	Trading cards	Football	Tikes

Dates for the Term

Year 6 B Team & Year 5 Kwik Cricket Festival	Tuesday 4th July 2017
Make & Take Session for New Reception Parents	Tuesday 11th July 9.00-10.15pm & 1.30-2.45pm
Year 5/6 Play	Wed 12th July at 2pm & 7pm. Thurs 13th July at 7pm.
Celebrate Work & Meet the New Teacher	Monday 17th July at 3.30pm-5.00pm
Year 6 Leavers’ Disco	Wednesday 19th July at 6.30pm-9.00pm
Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly for Parents	Friday 21st July at 2pm
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2017
INSET Days	Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2017
Start of Term	Wednesday 6th September 2017
Please check the school website for academic dates and INSET days for the whole year	